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1. WE ARE IN FOR A SEVERAL-DAY TEMPEST ON REPORT ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN CYPRUS (REFTEL).
 2. GOC FONMIN CHRISTOPHIDES ASKED ME TO CALL URGENTLY AFTERNOON FEB 1. HE HAD IN HAND THE TEXT OF THE CYPRUS REPORT. HE SAID HIS COMMENTS WOULD BE DUPLICATED BY AMBASSADOR DIMITRIOU IN HIS SCHEDULED APPOINTMENT WITH SECRETARY VANCE LATER IN THE DAY.
 3. CHRISTOPHIDES BEGAN BY TERMING THE REPORT "ABSOLUTELY AND TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE." HE THEN ENUMERATED GOC COMPLAINTS, READING FROM HIS TELEGRAM OF INSTRUCTIONS TO DIMITRIOU, AS FOLLOWS:
 4. GOC FINDS ENTIRE BASIS OF REPORT QUESTIONABLE. HUMAN RIGHTS ARE SEPARATE FROM POLITICAL
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FACTORS.
PARAGRAPH ON TORTURE DOES NOT MENTION THE PAST. US MIGHT RESPOND THAT REPORT IS MEANT TO COVER ONLY 1977, BUT OTHER PORTIONS OF THE REPORT DO GO INTO EVENTS BEFORE THAT YEAR. REPORT BYPASSES FUNDAMENTAL VIOLATION INHERENT IN CONTINUED TURKISH MILITARY OCCUPATION OF NORTHERN CYPRUS. REPORT DISCUSSES GREEK AND TURKISH

CRPRIOT SITUATIONS AS IF IT WAS DEALING WITH TWO EQUAL GOVERNMENT ENTITIES.

S. PHRASE "INTENSITY OF FIGHTING"

IS USED TO GIVE A GLOSS OF EQUAL RESPONSIBILITY. THERE IS NO MENTION OF MASS GRAVES IN THE NORTH AND TURKISH OBJECTION TO EXHUMATION. REFERENCE TO CONSIDERATION BY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION OF COUNCIL OF EUROPE CONTAINS TWO INACCURACIES. COMMISSITN'S INVESTIGATION WAS PURSUANT TO AN OFFICIAL GOC NOT "GREEK CYPRIOT", PETITION AND "WORLDWIDE ATTENTION." COUNCIL DID NOT "DECLINE TO ENDORSE" BUT ONLY POSTPONED DECISION. REPORT DOES NOT MAKE IT CLEAR THAT TURKS REMAINING IN THE SOUTH FOLLOWING 1974 WERE MOVED AS A DELIBERATE POLICY. REPORT REFRAINS FROM MENTIONING THAT "APPLICATIONS" FOR MOVEMENT SOUTH BY GREEK CYPRIOTS REMAINING IN NORTH WERE FREQUENTLY OBTAINED BY HARASSMENT. THERE IS NO REFERENCE TO MAINLAND TURKISH "COLONIZATION" OR TO SEIZURES OF GREEK PROPERTIESPM TO DESCRIBE GREEK CYPRIOTS REMAINING IN NORTH AS "MINORITY GROUP" IS HARDLY EQUITABLE WHEN IT IS REMEMBERED THAT BEFORE 1974 THEY CONSTITUTED 80 PERCENT OF THE POPULATION OF THAT AREA. SIMILARLY, IT IS A GROSS DISTORTION TO SAY THAT TURKISH ADMINISTRATION HAS BEEN DEMOCRATICALLY ELECTED WHEN ELECTIONS TOOK PLACE UNDER AN OCCUPATION ARMY, WITHOUT PARTICIPATION OF RIGHTFUL GREEK INHABITANTS OF THE REGION AND WITH RESIDENT ARMENIANS AND MARTNITES DENIED THE VOTE. REPORTS OMITTS TURKISH LOOTING, DENIIL OF CONFIDENTIAL

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PROPER MEDICAL CARE AND EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES, AND DESECRATION OF RELIGITUS PROPERTIES.

5. CONCLUING, CHRISTOPHIDES SAID GOC FINDS IT A SOURCE OF MOST SERIOUS CONCERN THAT "THE DRAFTERS OF THE REPORT HAVE FOUND IT CONVENIENT TO TRY TO EQUATE THOSE WHO BLATANTLY VIOLATED HUMAN RIGHTS WITH THEIR VICTIMS." CHRISTOPHIDES SAID GOC WILL BE OBLIGED TO ISSUE A VERY

STRONG STATEMENT WHEN REPORT BECOMES PUBLIC. HE ANTICIPATED A BAD REACTION HERE THAT WOULD DAMAGE ATTITUDES TOWARDS US AND PROVIDE AMMUNITION TO THOSE WHO CHARGE THAT USH IS TRYING TO WHITEWASH TURKEY TO LIFT THE EMBARGO. CRAWFORD

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